

REMARKS

Claims 3-9 are presently pending in the application. Claim 9 has been amended.

The preceding amendment to Claim 9 limits the scope of the blowing agent to only C₁ to C₆ hydrocarbons. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification on page 1, line 19-21; page 3, lines 1-17. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the present amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claims 3-9.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 9 as follow.

9. (Amended) A process for the production of rigid foams containing urethane groups and predominately isocyanurate groups comprising reacting:

1) polyisocyanates;

with

2) from 30 to 90 parts by weight of compounds containing at least two isocyanate-reactive hydrogen atoms, having molecular weights of from 400 to 10,000, and containing branched chains;[,]

in the presence of

3) [blowing agents consisting essentially of] one or more C₁ to C₆ hydrocarbons [,] as the sole blowing agents;

4) from 10 to 60 parts by weight of flameproofing agents; [,]

and

5) from 10 to 20 parts by weight of compounds containing at least two isocyanate-reactive hydrogen atoms and having molecular weights of from 32 to 399 as crosslinking agents; [,]

and, optionally,

6) other known auxiliary agents and additives;

wherein the parts by weight of components (2), (4) and (5) [total] totals 100 parts by weight, and wherein the reaction is conducted at an isocyanate index [range] of from 200 to 600.